

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Liberty Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT HOLLOWAYS,

DAVIDSON CO., N. C.,

August 22, 23 & 24, 1872.

Elder J. H. BROOKS, Moderator.

J. L. PLEASANT, Clerk.

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PROCEEDINGS.

HOLLOWAY'S CHURCH, DAVIDSON CO., N. C.,
August 22d, 1872, 11:30 A. M.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder H. Morton, from Matt. 5th chap., 16 verse, "Let your light so shine," &c.

Prayer by Elder J. B. Richardson.

The body then took a recess of one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In the absence of the Moderator and Clerk, Elder P. Oliver proposed that the Association proceed to elect a moderator and clerk *pro tem*.

On motion, Elder J. H. Brooks was elected Moderator and Bro. J. L. Pleasant Clerk.

Elder J. H. Brooks read 17th chap. John, made a few appropriate remarks and then called on Elder H. H. Hamner, who lead in prayer.

The church letters were then called for in the following order:

Lick Creek.—Peter Cross, Joseph Carrick and Henry Crook.

Jersey Settlement.—Matthias Long, G. W. Smith and G. W. Palmer.

Abbott's Creek.—Wm. Spurgin, Henry V. Traynham and G. W. Charles.

Tom's Creek.—Sampson Newsom, Andrew J. Buie and John Gibson.

High Point.—D. Hazleton, A. C. Jones and J. L. Pleasant.

Liberty.—J. T. Helper, H. Eastor and B. F. Copple.

Holloway's.—John M. Prim, Samuel Beeker and D. H. Cross.

New Friendship.—E. A. Rominger, W. W. Phillips and C. A. Rominger.

Big Creek.—E. M. Reeves, Alexander Henderson and M. Davis.

Pine Meeting House.—Lewis Lamb and H. A. Clement.

Reeds' Roads.—R. B. Myers and L. P. Craver.

Marion.—Peter Lopp, J. R. Lopp and R. S. Green

Thomasville.—Elder J. H. Brooks, Charles Pope and W. E. Jones.

Muddy Creek.—David Essex.

Pierce's Chapel.—Richard Snider.

The Association then proceeded to the regular election of Moderator and Clerk. A. C. Jones and G. W. Smith were appointed tellers, who reported Elder J. H. Brooks as Moderator and J. L. Pleasant, Clerk.

Elder Brooks made some very appropriate remarks, acknowledging the distinction the brethren had conferred upon him, and briefly stating the objects of the Association, and asked their prayerful co-operation.

Invitation was then given for delegates from new churches, but none reported.

An invitation was also extended to ministers and brethren from corresponding Associations. Elder J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Convention, and Elders J. B. Richardson and P. Oliver, and Bro. E. W. Marshal, from the Beulah, reported and were cordially received by the chair and invited to participate in the discussions of the body.

Reports from brethren appointed to correspond with other Associations were called for. Elder H. Morton attended the Rock River.

The chair then appointed the following committees:

On Finance.—G. W. Charles and Matthew Davis.

Religious Exercises.—Pastors, Deacons and Delegates of Holloway's Church.

On Missions.—Elders Hamner and Morton.

On Church Extension.—Elders J. B. Richardson and J. D. Hufham.

On Education.—Elders W. H. Hamner and J. D. Hufham. Correspondents to Baptist State Convention were called on to report. Elder J. H. Brooks, Bro. J. L. Pleasant and others reported.

On motion the Association adjourned. Prayer by Elder Brooks.

FRIDAY MORNING, August 23d. 1872.

The Association met according to adjournment. The Moderator read 5th Romans, using Hymn 511, "Oh for a faith that will not shrink." Prayer, Bro. Yarbrough leading.

The Moderator then addressed the Association for a short time, and in conclusion earnestly requested good order and a courteous discussion.

On motion, the Constitution and Rules of Order were read.

Elder J. B. Richardson stated that by the request of several brethren he would propose that there be no preaching at the stand to-day, and that the entire congregation, and especially the ladies, be invited to attend the Association.

On motion of Bro. A. C. Jones, the proposition was carried.

The regular order of business was then taken up.

On motion, Elder H. Morton was appointed to report on Temperance at this session.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read, and after lengthy and able discussions by Elders J. D. Hufham, P. Oliver, J. B. Richardson and J. H. Brooks, was adopted.

On motion, the Association took a recess of one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order and the report on Periodicals was read; and after an able vindication of our own denominational paper (the *Biblical Recorder*) by Elders J. H.

Brooks, P. Oliver and J. B. Richardson, the report was adopted.

The report on Church Extension was next called, and after remarks by the chairman, J. B. Richardson, as to the importance of having suitable church houses in Lexington, Salisbury, Winston and other places, he urged more particularly the *great need* of the Greensboro' church *just now*. [And just here the business of the Association was suspended to take up a collection for the Greensboro' church, which amounted to \$19 50.] The report was adopted.

The report on Ministerial Support was read, and Elder J. D. Hufham urged by *pungent scriptural* argument the *duty* of supporting our ministers. Report adopted.

The report on Education was read. Moderator Brooks made an interesting and instructive speech, followed by Elders H. Morton and J. D. Hufham. Report adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Elder J. H. Brooks would preach at the church to-night and Elder J. B. Richardson at Silver Hill (two miles distant.)

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Elder Morton.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 24th, 1872.

Moderator Brooks read Heb. 1st chap., using hymn 922.

Prayer by Elder Oliver.

An invitation being extended to corresponding brethren, Dr. H. B. Marley accepted, from the Raleigh Association.

The Report on Temperance was taken up and discussed by Elders Brooks, Hufham, Richardson, Oliver and Bro. J. L. Pleasant, and the report adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that the hour of 11 had arrived, and the Moderator announced that Elder J. D. Hufham would preach at the stand.

The report of the Committee on Church Letters and State

of Religion was read and after remarks by Elder Oliver, was adopted.

The Finance Committee submitted their report which was adopted. (See report).

On motion the Clerk was allowed ten dollars for his services, and instructed to print as many minutes of the Association as funds would allow and distribute to the churches in proportion to the amount sent up.

The Moderator next proceeded to appoint delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to convene at Fayetteville, viz :

G. W. Smith, P. Oliver, J. L. Pleasant, E. H. Davis, W. P. Redwine, Wm. Turner, E. Allison, J. H. Brooks, J. M. Prim and H. V. Traynham.

The following appointments to sister Associations were made :

Rocky River.—W. P. Redwine and H. Morton.

Pee Dee.—M. Davis and E. H. Davis.

Beulah.—W. Turner, C. A. Rominger and W. W. Phillips.

Yadkin.—David Essix.

Sandy Creek.—J. H. Brooks and A. C. Jones.

The following committees were appointed to report next year :

On Temperance.—J. H. Owen.

On Church Extension.—P. Oliver.

On Missions.—G. W. Smith.

On Periodicals.—G. W. Harmon.

Sabbath Schools.—H. Morton.

Ministerial Support.—J. L. Pleasant.

Education.—J. B. Richardson.

State of Religion.—Elder Wm. Turner.

On motion a committee of three were appointed to revise the Constitution and Rules of Order and report at the next session, viz : J. H. Brooks, J. L. Pleasant and E. Allison.

On motion the churches were requested to report, in their letters to the Association, how much they pay their pastors and how often.

On motion ministers and deacons were requested to organize

minsters' and deacons' meetings, to convene on fifth Sundays and and Fridays before, inclusive.

On motion (after considerable discussion) it was decided to hold the first Union Meeting with the Church at Reeds' Roads.

On motion, after strong solicitation from High Point, Muddy Creek and Lick Creek Churches, it was agreed to hold the next session of this body with Lick Creek Church, commencing Thursday before fourth Lord's day in August, 1873.

Adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator announced that the hour of business had arrived and received Bro. Jno. F. Hodge as correspondent from Rock River.

The Committee on Religious Exercises gave notice that Elder Morton would now preach at the stand.

On motion Elder Wm. Turner was chosen (by ballot) to preach the introductory sermon at the next session, and Elder E. Allison his alternate.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read and after remarks by Hamner, Hufham, Brooks and Oliver, and collection amounting to \$9.35, it was adopted.

The Committee appointed last year to co-operate with the State Mission Board submitted a verbal report, which was received, and on motion the committee continued, viz: Elder Wm. Turner, and brethren A. C. Jones and G. W. Smith.

On motion a vote of thanks was extended to the brethren and friends of Holloway's Church and vicinity for the kind and liberal entertainment given this body.

The Moderator selected hymn 105, of the Supplement, "Hail, sweetest, dearest tie," &c.

Prayer by Elder Hufham.

Thus closed a most harmonious and delightful session of the Liberty Association.

J. H. BROOKS, *Moderator.*

J. L. PLEASANT, *Clerk.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We are happy that there is an increased interest manifested in behalf of the Sabbath work. But we regret to know that there are yet many Baptists within the bounds of our Association who seem to be asleep to the importance of training up their little ones in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The youthful mind should be stored with religious knowledge. We would therefore urge the importance of a Sabbath School, not only in every church, but in every neighborhood. Let Baptists bestir themselves and inculcate those religious truths that we hold to be pure.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. PRIM.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The space allowed for our report being necessarily short, a mere recommendation is all that your Committee on Periodicals will now attempt. We consider the *Biblical Recorder* worthy of the patronage of the entire Baptist denomination. It is the exponent of the doctrines and principles which we hold dear and sacred. The Editor, we believe, is sound in the faith. If we would progress in the knowledge of religious truth, become strong in the virtues taught in the Bible, and grow in grace and in wisdom we must have the aid of periodical religious literature. This is necessary to a proper and correct understanding of the Scriptures. The Bible itself is the Great Light, but a religious journal, edited by a man of a clear head and strong nerve, whose heart is burning with the love of God, and whose judgment and feelings are all enlisted in the cause of the church, is a powerful auxiliary to direct us

how to walk by that light. We should feel an interest in the success of all properly conducted religious journals, but our home paper should be *first* in our affections. We therefore earnestly recommend to the Baptists of this Association, and of the State generally, first the *Biblical Recorder*; second, *Home and Foreign Journal*; and third, *Kind Words*.

J. H. BROOKS.

REPORT ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

DEAR BRETHREN :—We need houses of worship at Salisbury, Lexington and many other places in our State, where the brethren are unable to build without assistance. And we would call your attention to the importance of adopting some plan whereby we may secure a united effort of the brethren in this great work. Our State Convention at its last session appointed a Church Extension Committee, and that committee has presented a plan which we commend to your consideration, hoping the churches may co-operate with said committee upon this or some other plan. We further commend to your aid and sympathies the Greensboro' Church, which has been endorsed by the Church Extension Committee.

J. B. RICHARDSON.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The Scriptures teach that they who preach the Gospel should live of the gospel; that those who minister in spiritual things should receive a liberal and hearty support as to temporal things from those to whom they minister. This support includes such provision for the comfort of the pastor and his family as will release them from the necessity of toiling with their own hands for the means of living, and from all anxious

care about these matters. It should also include the means of purchasing books, that the pastor may be not only a man of study, but also thoroughly furnished for the warfare in which he is engaged. Thus the Scriptures teach. It is sad to think how far most of our churches fall below these teachings. It becomes us to examine this whole matter afresh, and to reform our practice.

A. C. JONES.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The times call on us more loudly than ever to educate our children. Having given them a thorough training and a good store of knowledge, we have fitted them for the largest measure of success and usefulness here and of happiness hereafter. To educate there must be schools. We take pleasure in stating that as a denomination we are furnished with a sufficient number of first class seminaries for both males and females. The schools at Raleigh and Murfreesboro' offer ample facilities for the education of young ladies. Wake Forest College invites our young men all over the State to enter and enjoy the advantages placed within their reach by the wise foresight and christian liberality of our Baptist fathers. We would call special attention to the importance of educating our young ministers. The churches should see to it that all of them are enabled to take a course of study at our college before entering on their great work.

WM. H. HAMNER.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

DEAR BRETHREN: The cause of temperance is the cause of God. It is a theme upon which the Apostle frequently dwelt. For Paul reasoned upon temperance before Felix; and Peter admonished, to "give diligence to add to your faith knowledge,

and to knowledge temperance," &c., 2d Peter, 1st chapter and 6th verse. Temperance is the fruit of the spirit. For the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law, Gal. 5, 22, 23. Now if any man says he has the spirit of Christ, and is not a temperance man, he is deceived in himself; because the fruit of the spirit is temperance. But what is temperance? Temperance in drinking is opposed to drunkenness. How can a church be a temperance church when she tolerates drunkenness in her pales? How can a man be a temperance man who is frequently drinking to drunkenness? And how can a man have the spirit of Christ who bears not the fruit of the Spirit? Temperance is a christian evidence, for the fruit of the tree is a testimony of its character. If we see apples on the branches they testify that it is an apple tree. If we see temperance combined with the other graces, it testifies that the man is a christian, and when temperance is wanting the man has but a sad evidence that he is a christian. How can those men say that they are christians, who are frequently in tipling shops and such places so much under the influence of spirits, that they bring disgrace upon themselves as well as the cause they profess. Then let the evidence of temperance be seen among other fruits, and prove that you are christians in deed.

Respectfully submitted,

H. MORTON.

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We find upon examination of the same that notwithstanding there has not been a great number of baptisms last year, yet the letters breathe a state of good things. But few of the churches complain of coldness, and a few have enjoyed a refreshing season from the presence of the Lord, and others, to a greater or less degree. The prospect is

comparatively cheering, and we hope the time to "favor Zion" has come. One beautiful feature in the letters is, that all are at peace and working harmoniously together. It is to be hoped that from this time all our churches will enjoy much of that peace bequeathed to the humble followers of the blessed Saviour.

We also notice that the churches, Muddy Creek, High Point and Lick Creek request that the next meeting of this body convene with them.

And we would suggest that one hour be set apart Sunday morning next, when special prayer may be offered for the blessing of Almighty God upon us.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. REDWINE.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	State Missions.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Education.	Ch. at Rome.	Total.
Lick Creek,.....	\$ 2 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 2 55
Jersey Settlement,.....	2 30	\$ 6 25	.....	.....	.....	9 55
Abbott's Creek,....	2 55	5 00	.....	.....	.....	7 55
Tom's Creek,.....	1 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 40
High Point,.....	1 50	3 40	\$ 2 55	\$ 3 00	..	10 45
Liberty,.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Holloway's,.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
New Friendship, ...	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Big Creek, ...	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25
Pine Meeting House,.....	1 45	3 10	3 05	.....	.....	7 60
Reed's & Roads,.....	1 15	3 25	.....	.....	.....	4 40
Marion, ...	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Muddy Creek,.....	1 20	.....	50	.....	.....	1 70
Thomasville,.....	1 75	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	7 75
Pierce's Chapel, ...	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
	\$27 10	\$23 00	\$ 8 10	\$ 4 00	\$ 1 00	\$64 20

G. W. CHARLES.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

STATE MISSIONS.

We are rejoiced to know that the work of supplying the destitute portions of our own State with the preaching of the gospel has been carried on with vigor and success by our Convention since the last session of this body. During the year which closed on the 8th of November last, there have been seventeen missionaries in the field in different parts of the State, and more than twelve hundred persons have been baptised by them. Since that time the missionary force has been enlarged. With increased liberality towards this enterprise we might hope for larger results. It is a matter for regret that so few of the churches of this body have contributed to aid in this great work during the year just closed. We would commend the matter to their careful and prayerful consideration, and would hope that the coming year may witness a great change in this report.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

God is blessing the labors of our brethren in foreign lands. At all the stations the preaching of the word is attended by large crowds of interested listeners and new fields are opening constantly. Let us by our liberality and our prayers aid our brethren who are laboring for the conversion of the heathen in foreign lands.

WM. H. HAMNER.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored Males.	Colored Females.	Total.	Church Meetings.	CONTRIBUTIONS.				Sunday S. Scholars.
															Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Minutes.	
Lick Creek,	H. Morton,	Gold Hill.	4	2	1	2	1	1	45	95	1	6	147	4				2 55	45
Jersey Settlement,	E. Allison,	Thomasville.	10	1		11	1	5	39	74	67	87	250	1		\$6 25		2 30	39
Abbott's Creek,	Wm. Turner,	Salem.						1	45	74	7	4	130	3		5 00		2 55	
Tom's Creek,	A. P. Stoker,	Salem Church.	2						12	27	1	1	41	2				1 40	
High Point,	J.B. Richardson,	High Point.	1	8		2	1		13	26	1	3	42	4	\$3 00	3 40	\$2 55	1 50	30
Liberty,	E. Allison,	Thomasville.	11					1	31	66	2	99	3					2 00	41
Holloway's,	P. Oliver,	Little Yadkin.	27	2	1	5	3	2	32	101	3	8	146	3				3 00	
New Friendship,	Wm. Turner,	Salem.	11						43	84	2	129	1					2 50	
Big Creek,	H. Morton,	Gold Hill.	4			1	1		16	30	1	47	3					1 25	
Pine Meeting House,	E. Allison,	Thomasville.	9			1			17	28		45	4			3 10	3 05	1 45	40
Reid's X Roads,	"	"	14	2				2	25	46	1	1	73	2		3 25		1 15	
Marion,	W. H. Hanner,	Lexington.				1			10	10	1	2	23	2	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	
Thomasville,	F. M. Jordan,	Hillsboro'.	4	8									34	3				1 75	41
Muddy Creek,	P. Oliver,	Little Yadkin.		1				1	18	30		1	49	1			50	1 20	
Pierce's Chapel,	Benj. Lanier,	Jackson's Creek.	12			1		1					47					1 50	
Stoker's Chapel,																			
			109	24	1	21	12	15	346	691	82	39	1302	36	\$4 00	\$23 00	\$8 10	\$27 10	236

LICENTIATES.

WM. R. COGGIN, WM. S. ADDERTON, THOS. CARRICK.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

BENJAMIN LANIER,.....	New Market, N. C.
WM. TURNER,.....	Salem, “
G. W. HARMAN,.....	Salem, “
J. H. BROOKS,.....	Thomasville, “
W. H. HAMNER,.....	Lexington, “
AARON YARBROUGH,.....	Lexington, “
WM. LAMBETH,.....	Salisbury, “
A. P. STOKER,.....	Salem Church, “
W. N. THAYER,.....	Sanders' Hill, “
H. MORTON,.....	Gold Hill, “
JOHN SNIDER,.....	Hanersville, “
ELIJAH ALLISON.....	————— “

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church letter.
2. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
3. Appointment of Committee on Finance.
4. Call on correspondents to Associations and delegates to Baptist State Convention to report.
5. Report of committees.
6. Appointment of correspondents to Associations and delegates to Baptist State Convention.
7. Appointment of Committees on Temperance, Periodicals, Sunday Schools, Education, Ministerial Support, State and Foreign Missions, Church Letters and State of Religion and Church Extension.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Appointment of time and place for next Association.
10. Appointment of some one to preach Introductory Sermon.
11. Appointment of some one to superintend the printing of the minutes.
12. Adjournment.

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PROCEEDINGS.

LICK CREEK CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C., }
August 22nd, 1873, 11 o'clock, A. M. }

In consequence of the incessant rain and high waters the Association was unable to organize yesterday, according to previous appointment.

To-day, a quorum being present, Bro. W. P. Redwine moved that the Association proceed to organize.

The former officers being absent, the Association proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk, *pro tem*.

On motion, Elder H. Morton was elected Moderator, and bro. Thos. Carrick, Clerk.

Elder H. Morton read 116th Psalm, sung the hymn

"Come let us join our souls to God,"

and then led in prayer.

The church letters were then called for in the following order :

Lick Creek.—James Adderton, Joseph Carrick and W. P. Redwine.

Jersey Settlement.—G. W. Palmer.

Abbott's Creek.—Not represented.

Tom's Creek.—Simeon Sheets, Sampson Newson and Henry Sheets.

High Point.—A. C. Jones.

Liberty.—H. Easter, A. Copple and H. D. Easter.

Holloway's.—W. F. Stoner, Enoch Briggs and D. H. Cross.

New Friendship.—Not represented.

Big Creek.—M. Davis and E. M. Reeves.

Pine Meeting-House.—John Watkins, R. S. Wilson and John Lomax.

Reed's Roads.—R. B. Myers, A. C. Wood and J. H. Owen.

Marion.—Peter Lopp and J. R. Lopp.

Thomasville.—Charles Sugg, Charles Pope and A. R. Witherington.

Muddy Creek.—C. A. Brindle, William Doty and Jacob Cornish.

Pierce's Chapel.—Farley Cody.

The Association then proceeded to the regular election of Moderator and Clerk.

Elder J. D. Hufham and bro. J. F. Hodge were appointed to wait on the House, who reported Elder H. Morton, as Moderator, and Thos. Carrick, Clerk.

Elder Morton made some very appropriate remarks, returning his sincere thanks to the brethren for the honor bestowed, and asked a prayerful co-operation on the part of the brethren.

Invitation was then given for delegates from new churches, but none reported.

An invitation was also extended to ministers and brethren from corresponding Associations. Elder J. D. Hufham Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Convention, and Bro. J. F. Hodge, from the Rocky River Association, reported and were cordially received by the Moderator, and invited to participate in the discussions of the body.

Reports from brethren appointed to correspond with other Associations were called for: Elder Wm. Turner and Bro. J. L. Pleasant attended the Beulah.

The Chair then appointed the following Committees:

On Finance.—M. Davis, A. C. Jones and Henry Sheets.

Religious Exercises.—Pastor, Deacons and Delegates of Lick Creek Church.

On Education.—Elder J. D. Hufham and Bro. J. H. Owen.

On Ministerial Support.—Henry Sheets and G. W. Palmer.

On Periodicals.—A. C. Jones and Thos. Carrick.

On Missions.—R. S. Wilson and Aaron Yarbrough.

On Church Letters and State of Religion.—W. F. Stoner and E. M. Reeves.

On motion, the Association took a recess of one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing and prayer, the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that bro. J. F. Hodge would preach at the stand.

The report on Temperance was read; and after remarks by Thos. Carrick, Elders H. Morton and J. D. Hufham, the report was adopted.

The report on the revision of the Constitution and Rules of Order was called for and read by Elder J. D. Hufham.

Elder A. P. Stoker moved to amend the Constitution, as revised, by striking out the 12th Article, relative to the appointment of a Presbytery for the purpose of ordaining ministers, and the constituting of churches. After remarks by Elders Hufham, Yarbrough and others, the Constitution was adopted as amended.

On motion of bro. W. P. Redwine, the Rules of Order, as revised, were amended by adding that "No member shall speak more than twice on any question, unless by consent of the Association."

The Rules of Order as amended were adopted.

The following appointments to sister Associations were made:

Rocky River.—A. P. Stoker, W. R. Coggin, Henry Sheets and S. R. Coggin.

Pee Dee.—A. P. Stoker, M. Davis and E. M. Reeves.

Beulah.—Wm. Turner and J. L. Pleasant.

Yadkin.—Aaron Yarbrough and Peter Lopp.

Sandy Creek.—W. H. Hamner and B. Lanier, Jr.

The following brethren were appointed as delegates to the Baptist State Convention: Wm. Turner, Thos. Carrick and H. Morton.

The following Committees were appointed to report next year:

On Temperance.—Henry Sheets.

On Periodicals.—S. A. Roper.

On Sabbath Schools.—A. C. Jones.

On Education.—Thos. Carrick.

On Ministerial Support.—J. H. Owen.

On Missions.—G. W. Harman.

On Church Letters and State of Religion.—A. P. Stoker.

On Church Extension.—W. N. Thayer.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Elder Aaron Yarbrough would preach at the church to-night.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 23, 1873.

Moderator Morton read Matthew 7th chapter, using hymn 353. Prayer by Elder J. D. Hufham.

Churches not reporting yesterday, were requested to hand in their letters, upon which the letters from Marion and Thomasville were handed in and read.

On motion of Elder W. H. Hamner the Baptist Hymn Book was recommended to the churches of this Association.

On motion, the following committee was appointed to inquire why Stoker's Chapel does not represent itself in the Association: Elder A. P. Stoker, brethren Peter Riley and M. Davis.

The report on Missions was read, and after some very appropriate and instructive remarks by Elders W. H. Hamner and J. D. Hufham, a collection was taken up, which amounted to \$16 07. The report was adopted.

The report on Ministerial Support was read, and after remarks by bro. Henry Sheets and Elder W. H. Hamner, was adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Elder A. P. Stoker would preach at the stand.

The report on Periodicals was read, and after remarks by Elder J. D. Hufham and others, was adopted.

On motion, after strong solicitation from High Point and Muddy Creek Churches, it was agreed to hold the next session of this body with Muddy Creek Church, commencing Friday before the fourth Lord's-Day in August, 1874.

On motion, the following Committee was appointed to revise the districts of the Association: J. H. Owen, Aaron Yarbrough and W. H. Hamner.

Adjourned for one hour.

Prayer, Elder W. H. Hamner leading.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The report on the revision of districts in the Association was read and adopted.

The report on Church Letters and State of Religion was read and adopted.

The report on Education was read, and after a very appropriate address by Elder J. D. Hufham, a collection was taken up in behalf of the beneficiaries at Wake Forest College, which amounted to \$6 00. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Elder W. H. Hamner would preach at the arbor.

The Finance Committee submitted their report, which was adopted.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted.

On motion, Elder Wm. Turner was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at the next session, and Elder J. B. Richardson his alternate.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed ten dollars for his services, and instructed to print as many Minutes of the Association as funds would allow, and distribute to the churches in proportion to the amount sent up.

On motion, a collection was taken up to meet the deficiency for printing Minutes last year : amount raised, five dollars.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That this Association return its heart-felt thanks to the members of Lick Creek Church, and friends generally, for their hospitality during the term of this Association.

The Moderator selected hymn 1,146. Prayer by Elder Huffman.

Thus closed the fortieth annual Session of the Liberty Association.

H. MORTON, *Moderator*.

THOS. CARRICK, *Clerk*.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

DEAR BRETHREN :—The subject of Temperance again claims our attention, but for want of information, we are unable to report definitely what we are doing as a denomination, but judging from the information in our possession, we are driven to the unhappy conclusion that there are far too many of our brethren who still continue the use of intoxicating drinks themselves, and also give to others, considering, as they do, it a small matter to drink and give to others in moderation. Thus those who possess firmness ruin the young and less firm.

We are of the opinion that the moderate drinker does more to make drunkards than he whom we see wallowing in the dust. It is true society is doing much to advance the cause of temperance, but we, as church members, seem to be asleep, while according to information, there are scattered over our, might be happy country, 33,000 retail establishments selling spirituous liquors, having in their employment 390,000. Add to this number those employed in distilleries and you have 570,000 persons employed sending their fellow mortals to premature graves, sending to prison 100,000 annually, costing the government \$40,000,000 per year, reducing to worse than orphanage, 200,000 children, sending 60,000 annually to drunkard's graves, making 600,000 drunkards.

And now, dear brethren, if these are not sufficient reasons why we should at once rise from our stupor, and attack boldly our

common enemy, let us earnestly desire and pray for the early approach of a period when men can rise to the dignity of self-mastery, and refuse indulgence to this improper desire, and hold the craving appetite ungratified, and say to the rising passion, "Peace be still."

J. H. OWEN.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Baptists have ever been earnest advocates for Missions. The foreign mission enterprise of modern times had its birth among the Baptists of England, and from them it came to their brethren in this country. Other denominations caught the flame and now almost all professing christians of whatever name, are engaged in the great work. This work in its relation to us is two-fold :

I. STATE MISSIONS.

For more than forty years our State Convention has been engaged in efforts to spread the truths of the Gospel in destitute parts of North Carolina. Very great success has attended their efforts. All over the State there are flourishing churches founded by the Missionaries sent out, and sustained by our Convention. Since your last session there have been more than thirty laborers in different parts of the field, and much good has been accomplished in the name of the Lord Jesus. It is matter for regret that the churches of this Association have done so little during the past year. Only two have sent up contributions for Home Missions to this meeting of your body. Surely this ought not so to be. We would earnestly urge the pastors to bring the claims of this enterprise before their churches and endeavor to enlist them more heartily into it.

II. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This great work has peculiar claims on the Baptists. As has been said above, it had its birth in modern times among them. Surely they cannot afford to forsake or neglect it, least of all can they do it now. The work has been tried and found a success. God has set the seal of his blessing on it. Just now all our missionaries report that new fields are opening before them, and are calling for reinforcements. Will the churches respond? In this Association the spirit of foreign missions seems to have died out. Almost nothing has been done during the past year. Are we willing that this report should go out to brother Yates and the other faithful ones laboring in that far off land? Are we willing to meet our Maker and Judge with the record of the year now closing? His commission is: "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Let us see that we do not fall short.

R. S. WILSON,
A. YARBROUGH.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The subject of ministerial support is one of great importance, and should claim the attention of every christian. The minister of God is often called upon to give much of his time to the work without just remuneration. Your committee believes it to be the indispensable duty of the churches to give more earnest heed to this important subject. The apostle tells us that they “which preach the gospel, should live of the gospel.” Then let us become thoroughly aroused to a sense of our duty, and let us no more be found asleep. It is believed that there are many members of our churches who never think of contributing to their pastor; this should not be; we believe that every member, blessed with health, could do something in this direction. We think a great number of christians spend enough annually, in a foolish and improvident manner, to handsomely redeem the time of their pastor. Then let most of us become more economical, and lay up in store for the support of the gospel.

Finally brethren, let us do our whole duty as we have light to do so, and pray God to give us hearts willing to give; hoping that the Lord may prosper Zion and add many precious souls to the church, such as should be saved.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY SHEETS.
G. W. PALMER.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We have long since been convinced that the reading of religious literature is a matter of the first importance; therefore we would especially recommend every church member of this Association to take, read and extend the circulation of the *Biblical Recorder*. The *Recorder* is our own State paper, and it is like a faithful preacher of the gospel whose footsteps are not retarded by the summer's heat or the winter's chilling winds, but ever finds his way into the family circle to comfort the distressed and strengthen the weak. While we regret very much that bro. Mills has ceased to be the Editor of our paper, yet we feel thankful that his place is well supplied by our worthy bro. Redd, late graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. We think that with his mental and moral culture, he will send forth the *Recorder*, like an old sun arising with new splendor, deserving our careful perusal.

We would recommend our Sunday School workers to take and read *The Baptist Teacher* and *Kind Words*.

A. C. JONES.
THOS. CARRICK.

REPORT ON THE REVISION OF DISTRICTS.

No. 1.—Muddy Creek, New Friendship, Abbott's Creek, High Point and Thomasville.

No. 2.—Pine Meeting House, Jersey Settlement, Read's Roads, Marion and Liberty.

No. 3.—Holloway's, Liek Creek, Big Creek, Tom's Creek and Pierce's Chapel.

J. H. OWEN.
AARON YARBROUGH.
W. H. HAMNER.

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

So far as we can learn from the letters, the churches are enjoying internal peace and harmony. So far there is room for thankfulness and encouragement. Fifty-three have been added to the churches by baptism, during the current year. This is hardly enough to cover the losses by death, dismission and exclusion; so that there has been little numerical growth. But little has been done for benevolence. So far as the letters show anything, they show that there is but little of the missionary spirit among us. There is need of much prayerful humiliation, and heart-searching on the part of us all.

W. F. STONER,
E. M. REEVES.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Among the matters connected with the subject of education, immediately concerning us, may be enumerated the following:

THE ENDOWMENT OF WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

At the last session of the Baptist State Convention it was determined to raise, during the present year, one hundred thousand dollars, as an endowment fund for Wake Forest College. Thus far very commendable progress has been made in this great enterprise. We would commend it to the churches composing this body and urge them to take their part in this great movement of our day. Surely we cannot make a wiser investment of money than to put it at interest for the education of our young men under christian influence.

ON BENEFICIARIES.

The education of young men who are called of God to the gospel ministry is a matter which has long been very dear to many of the Baptists of the State. During the past year there have been twelve young men sustained by the liberality of the churches. Just now increased attention is called for in this department of our labors.—We would suggest that the pastors bring this matter before their churches and request them to send up contributions to the next session of your body.

J. H. OWEN.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath School is a benevolent institution. Its chief object is the study of the Bible, which is said to make men wise unto salvation; but there are many children like the Eunuch, who can read, but without some one to guide them, fail to get the understanding.

We furnish food and raiment for our children, but, alas! we often leave their tender minds to provide for themselves. Should not those who feel that they have been bought with a price, gather the children in every neighborhood, and expound unto them the way of God more perfectly. We find that many of our churches have no Sabbath Schools. Are there no children to be taught? Is there no one that can teach? Or is there no Sabbath? Brethren, let us consider the day in which we live, how different from our fathers? The evils of theirs we know not.

Respectfully submitted,

H. MORTON.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	MINUTES.	STATE MISS.	FOR. MISS.	EDUCATION.	TOTAL.
Lick Creek.....	\$4 00	.....	.....	.....	\$4 00
Jersey Settlement....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	3 50
Tom's Creek.....	2 10	.....	.....	.....	2 10
High Point.....	4 00	\$10 08	\$4 57	\$3 19	21 76
Liberty.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Holloway's.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	3 50
Big Creek,.....	1 75	.....	.....	.....	1 75
Pine Meeting House...	2 50	.....	1 35	.....	3 85
Read's & Roads.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Marion.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Muddy Creek.....	1 95	.....	.....	.....	1 95
Thomasville.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Pierce's Chapel.....	1 85	.....	.....	.....	1 85
	\$34 15	\$10 08	\$5 92	\$3 19	\$52 33

M. DAVIS,
A. C. JONES,
HENRY SHEETS, } Committee.

REPORT ON THE REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

CONSTITUTION OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

- 1st. This Association shall be called the Liberty Baptist Association.
- 2nd. It shall be composed of the ordained ministers, who are members of, and those who may have Pastoral charges within the Associational district; and of three delegates from each church in the district aforesaid.
- 3rd. The said delegates before taking their seats shall produce letters from their respective churches, showing their appointment as delegates.
- 4th. The Associational session shall be held at least once a year.
- 5th. The officers shall be,—a Moderator and Clerk, and if deemed expedient by the Association, a Treasurer likewise.

6th. The Moderator shall be chosen annually, but the Clerk shall continue in office at the pleasure of the Association.

7th. The Association shall be clothed with authority only to advise the churches touching all things pertaining to their interest; but shall in no case presume to direct, or control them, in reference to their own government or internal polity.

8th. A Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three members shall be appointed on the first day of each session, to prepare and report an order of proceeding; and to suggest topics proper for the consideration and action of the Association; and the said Committee shall report promptly on the morning of the second day of the Association.

9th. Baptist ministers, not members of the Association, who may be present at any session of the body, may, on invitation of the body, take seats and participate in the debates of the Association.

10th. At each session of the Association there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five, three of whom shall constitute a quorum, whose duty it shall be to superintend, and in conjunction with the Missionary Boards of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, direct the Missionary operations of the Association.

11th. All Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

12th. This Constitution may be altered only at an annual session of this Association, and by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1st. The Association shall meet punctually each day at the hour appointed, and on the appearance of a quorum, the Moderator shall cause the Minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2nd. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to decide all questions or points of order, subject to an appeal from his decision to the Association.

3rd. The Moderator shall be entitled to vote only in case of an equal division of the Association.

4th. He shall not participate in debate except on points of order, unless by unanimous consent of the Association, or until he shall have called another member to the Chair.

5th. Members shall in debate, or on rising to make a motion, address themselves to the Moderator.

6th. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall designate the person who shall first occupy the floor.

7th. No member shall absent himself from the session of the Association without its leave.

8th. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to amend, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand here arrayed.

9th. All Committees, unless otherwise ordered, shall consist of three members only.

10th. A Committee shall be appointed on the first day of every session, to designate ministers to preach during the session of the Association.

11th. No motion shall be put to the Association by the Moderator, unless it receives a second.

12th. No rule of order shall be rescinded or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the body.

13th. The Constitution and Rules of Order shall be made publicly in the Association, on the second day of every session.

14th. No member shall speak more than twice on any question unless by consent of the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICES.	Contributions.											S. S. Scholars.....					
			Education....	Sta. Missions	For. Missions	Minutes	Church Meetings.	Total	Colored Females..	Colored Males.....	White Females.....	White Males.....	Deceased		Excluded.....	Dismissed by Let..	Restored.....	Received by Letter	Baptised.....
Lick Creek.....	H. Morton.....	Gold Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	134	1	5	1	5	134	4	.....	.....	.....	4 00	30
Jersey Settlement.....	Amos Weaver.....	Clayton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	169	1	44	28	44	1	169	1	.....	.....	.....	3 50	.....
Abbott's Creek.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tom's Creek.....	A. P. Stoker.....	Salem Church.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 10	.....
High Point.....	J. B. Richardson.....	High Point.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	37
Liberty.....	B. Lanier.....	New Market.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....
Holloway's.....	H. Morton.....	Gold Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50	.....
New Friendship.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Big Creek.....	James Jordan.....	Troy.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75	.....
Pine Meeting House.....	E. Allison.....	Hickory Tavern.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	40
Read's & Roads.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....
Marion.....	W. H. Hammer.....	Lexington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....
Thomasville.....	F. M. Jordan.....	Hillsboro.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	30
Muddy Creek.....	P. Oliver.....	Little Yaden.....																1 95	
Pierce's Chapel.....	B. Lanier.....	New Market.....																1 85	
Stoker's Chapel.....																			
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Licentiates.

W. R. COGGIN, W. S. ADDERTON, THOS. CARRICK and JOHN BURRAGE.

Ordained Ministers.

BENJAMIN LANIER,	.....	New Market, N. C.	
WM. TURNER,	.....	Salem,	"
G. W. HARMAN,	.....	"	"
W. H. HAMNER,	.....	Lexington,	"
AARON YARBROUGH,	.....	"	"
WM. LAMBETH,	.....	Salisbury,	"
A. P. STOKER,	.....	Salem Church,	"
W. N. THAYER,	.....	Sander's Hill,	"
H. MORTON,	.....	Gold Hill,	"
S. A. ROPER,	.....	Jackson Hill,	"

Order of Business.

1. Reading Church Letters.
2. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
3. Appointment of Committee on Finance.
4. Call on Correspondents to Associations and Delegates to Baptist State Convention to report.
5. Report of Committees.
6. Appointments of Correspondents to Associations and Delegates to Baptist State Convention.
7. Appointments of Committees on the various subjects claiming the attention of the Association.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Appointment of time and place for next Association.
10. Appointment of some one to preach the Introductory Sermon.
11. Appointment of some one to superintend the printing of the Minutes.
12. Adjournment.



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PROCEEDINGS.



MUDDY CREEK, DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C., }
August 21st, 1874. }

The Association convened at the time and place appointed.

In consequence of bad health, Elder Wm. Turner declined preaching the introductory sermon. The sermon was preached by Elder A. F. Redd, from the iv chapter of Matthew, on the subject of the temptation of Christ.

After a short intermission, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, Elder H. Morton, by reading a portion of the xiv chapter of John, and singing the hymn, "Come let us join our friends above." Prayer by the Moderator.

The Church letters were then called for and the delegates were enrolled as follows:

DISTRICT NO. I.

Muddy Creek.—Wm. Doty, C. A. Brindle and Jacob Cornish.

New Friendship.—W. H. Shepperd, R. A. Wommack and T. Kimble.

Abbott's Creek.—William Clinard, George W. Charles and John Teague.

High Point.—D. Hazelton, Thos. Preston and A. C. Jones.

Thomasville.—Letter read, but delegates not present.

DISTRICT NO. II.

Pine Meeting House.—Henry Beck, John Barnes and Alexander Sharp.

Jersey Settlement.—David Smith, W. F. Miller and Jesse Maley.

Reed's Cross Roads.—Alfred Wood, L. P. Craver and H. M. Stockton.

Marion.—Peter Lopp, John Leonard and J. R. Lopp.

Liberty.—Henry Easter and B. F. Cople.

DISTRICT NO. III.

Holloway's.—W. F. Stoner, H. J. Palmer and Samuel Beeker.

Lick Creek.—J. H. Daniel, W. P. Redwine and Henry Crook.

Big Creek.—M. J. Leach and E. M. Reeves.

Tom's Creek.—Sampson Newsom, Henry Sheets and A. J. Buie.

Pierce's Chapel.—Farley Codey, Gilbert Miller and Nelson Snider.

Summerville.—John Bean and George Frank.

The Association proceeded to the regular election of Moderator.

Elders R. Gourley and P. Oliver were appointed to wait on the House, who reported Elder Wm. Turner elected.

Elder Turner took the Chair, after which he made some very appropriate and instructive remarks, stating that there

were three very important objects that should claim our attention: 1st. That of preaching the Gospel; 2nd. The keeping up the statistics of our Association; 3rd. That we should work together as an advisory counsel, striving to do good.

An invitation was then given to churches that might desire to unite with this Association; upon which a letter was handed in from Summerville Church, asking admission into this Association.

On motion, a committee of seven was appointed to examine into the orthodoxy of the new church. The following brethren compose the committee: Elder H. Morton, brethren H. J. Palmer, John Teague, H. Sheets, David Smith, John Barnes and Elder W. H. Hamner.

On motion, the pastor, deacons and delegates of this church, were appointed as a Committee on Religious Exercises.

On motion, an invitation was extended to correspondents and visiting ministers from sister Associations. The invitation was accepted by Elder R. Gourley, a correspondent from Beulah; by Elders A. F. Redd, the editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, John Redwine, and J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, as visiting ministers. All were welcomed by the Moderator.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed as a financial committee: bro. Wm. Clinard and Elder G. W. Harmon.

On motion, the following brethren, together with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed to prepare an order of business: Elder A. Yarbrough, brethren W. P. Redwine and T. Kimble.

On motion, the following committees were appointed to fill vacancies.

On Periodicals—Elder A. F. Redd.

On Ministerial Support.—Elder G. W. Harmon.

On Church Extension.—Elder J. D. Hufham.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that bro. Thos. Carrick would preach in the house to-night; Elder H. Morton at the stand, 10½ o'clock to-morrow morning; Elder G. W. Harmon at the stand to-morrow afternoon; and Elder R. Gourley in the house to-morrow night.

Delegates appointed to sister Associations reported as follows: Elder A. P. Stoker and bro. Henry Sheets attended the Rocky River; Elder A. P. Stoker and bro. M. Davis attended the Pee Dee; Elder Aaron Yarbrough and bro. Peter Lopp attended the Yadkin,—all reported a cordial reception and interesting meetings.

On motion the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock, a. m., to-morrow.

Prayer,—Elder Hufham leading.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 22, 1874.

Devotional Exercises at 8½ o'clock.

At 9 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by bro. John Teague.

The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Committee on an order of proceeding reported. Report adopted and Committee continued.

The Constitution and Rules of Order were read.

Church letters not yet handed in were called for, upon which the letter from Tom's Creek was handed in and read.

The report on Education was read. After remarks were made by Elders A. F. Redd and J. D. Hufham, a collection was taken up in behalf of the beneficiaries at Wake Forest College, which amounted to \$19.35. Report adopted.

The report on Ministerial Support was read. Interesting remarks were made by Elders G. W. Harmon, J. D. Hufham, P. Oliver, and A. F. Redd. The report adopted.

The report on Periodicals was read. Instructive remarks were submitted by Elders A. F. Redd, P. Oliver and J. D. Hufham. The report was adopted.

On motion, the Association took a recess of one hour. Prayer by Elder W. H. Hamner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing and prayer, the Association again proceeded to business.

The report on Missions was read. Remarks by Elders A. F. Redd and J. D. Hufham. A collection was taken up for State and Foreign Missions, amounting to \$10. The report adopted.

The committee appointed to ascertain why Stoker's Chapel did not represent itself, reported. The report stated that the church had dissolved.

The report on Church Letters was read. The report adopted.

The committee appointed to examine into the orthodoxy of the Summerville church, reported. Bro. D. Hazelton moved that the Summerville church be received into this Association. After remarks by Elders H. Morton, P. Oliver, bro. John Teague, Elders W. H. Hamner and A. P. Stoker, the church was received.

Elders C. W. Bessent and S. F. Conrad reported themselves as visiting ministers from the South Yadkin Association.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Elder Wm. Turner would preach in the house, and Elder J. D. Hufham at the stand, to-morrow at 11 o'clock, a. m.; Elder A. F. Redd in the house, and Elder S. F. Conrad at the stand, in the afternoon.

On motion, adjourned until Monday, 9 o'clock, a. m.

Benediction by the Moderator.

SABBATH, August 23, 1874.

The services were introduced by holding a short prayer-meeting, Elder Wm. Turner then preached in the house from Luke xi chapter, 52d verse. Elder J. D. Hufham at the stand, from Luke vii chapter, 34th verse.

After an intermission of one hour, Elder A. F. Redd preached in the house from Matthew vii chapter, 22d verse. Elder S. F. Conrad at the stand, from Hebrews xi chapter, 24th, 25th and 26th verses. All were listened to by large and attentive congregations.

Elder W. H. Hamner preached in the house at night, from John xix chapter, 30th verse.

MONDAY MORNING, August 24, 1874.

8½ o'clock, a. m., devotional exercises for half an hour, after which the Association was called to order by the Moderator, who read the third general epistle of John.

Prayer by bro. W. F. Stoner.

The minutes of Saturday and Sunday read and approved.

The report on Temperance was read. Remarks by bro. Henry Sheets, Elder H. Morton, bro. Wm. Clinard, Elders P. Oliver, A. F. Redd and Wm. Turner. The report adopted.

Elder G. W. Harmon was sent to the stand to preach.

The report on Finance was made. Remarks by Elder P. Oliver. Report adopted.

The Clerk reported the expenditures of the Associational funds for 1873.

The report on Sabbath Schools was called for, but not having been prepared, the following resolution was submitted instead of a report:

Resolved, That we recommend all the churches in this Association to engage in Sabbath School work. Respectfully submitted,

A. C. JONES.

Remarks by Elder P. Oliver, bro. John Teague and Elder J. D. Hufham. Resolution adopted.

The report on Church Extension was called for. Elder J. D. Hufham stated that this enterprise had been abolished, consequently no report was read.

The following brethren were appointed as correspondents to sister Associations :

Rocky River.—John Burrage and Henry Sheets.

Beulah.—J. L. Pleasant and J. B. Richardson.

Yadkin.—P. Oliver and C. A. Brindle.

Sandy Creek.—A. P. Stoker and W. N. Thayer.

South Yadkin.—H. Morton, David Smith, A. P. Stoker, W. F. Stoner, and Wm. Turner.

On motion, any brother attending any of the above named Associations, may consider himself a correspondent.

The following brethren were appointed as an Executive Board: J. B. Richardson, J. L. Pleasant, John Teague, G. W. Charles and A. C. Jones.

On motion it was agreed to hold the next session of this body with Reed's Cross Roads' Church, commencing Friday before the fourth Lord's-day in August, 1875.

On motion, Elder Wm. Turner was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at the next session; and Elder P. Oliver his alternate.

On motion the Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of Minutes.

On motion the Clerk was allowed ten dollars for his services.

On motion the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That this Association return its heartfelt thanks to the members of the Muddy Creek church and friends generally, for their hospitality during the term of this Association.

The Moderator made some touching remarks.

Prayer by Elder R. Gourley.

Hymn "'Tis religion that can give," &c.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Thus closed the forty-first annual Session of the Liberty Association.

WM. TURNER, *Moderator*.

THOS. CARRICK, *Clerk*.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It has been customary for many years to have a report read before the delegates of this Association on the subject of Education. So far, however, as we can learn, the reports formerly read and adopted, have been unheeded and the churches have heard their delegates say little or nothing about them.

Dear Brethren, is it a fact that we meet and represent to each other the subject of education as one of vital importance, representing it as a subject which should claim the attention of every christian man and woman, and yet go away perfectly satisfied with ourselves, the state of our country and the state of the christian world, never more thinking of the importance of education?

In view of this heedlessness on the part of the brethren and Churches generally, it seems almost unnecessary to make another report on this subject. However, your committee would urge upon you, once more, the duty of not only educating your own children, but also that it is your duty to lend a helping hand to the young men at Wake Forest College, who are striving to educate themselves for the glorious work of the gospel ministry.

The Board of Education, directed by the Baptist State Convention, have had only six young brethren under their care during the last year. They have been forced, on account of the small contributions sent up from the various churches, to withhold their assistance from four young men who had already been received by them, two of whom were compelled to leave the College for want of funds.

Brethren, ought this so to be? shall we, as an Association, do nothing for our College and for our young men?

THOS. CARRICK.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The ministry of the gospel is the great means for the conversion of the world. Other means may be important, but a living ministry is all important. The private reading of God's word, Sunday School teaching, and the circulation of religious periodicals, may be blessed to the accomplishment of great good; but the public proclamation of the Word is the special means of God's appointment for the conversion of the world.

Now, we believe that, in order that the ministry may attain the highest efficiency, it is necessary that those whom God has called to this special work should be wholly consecrated. "No man can serve two masters," nor can any one successfully follow more than one occupation. The most successful men are those who having determined upon their life-work, lay aside everything else and concentrate their energies and efforts upon one point. Now, in order that ministers of the gospel may give themselves wholly to the work of preaching, it is necessary that the churches see to it that they are supported. How many have been all their lives crippled and embarrassed, because

God's people have not been mindful of their duty in this respect. The Word of God is our guide here, as in all other matters. When our Saviour sent forth the twelve apostles, he commanded them to go and preach, relying upon the hospitality of those with whom they labored. They were to preach and the people were responsible for their support. And again, in 1 Cor. ix, Paul says: "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" Again he says: "Even so hath the Lord ordained, that they which preach the gospel should live of the Gospel." With these passages of scripture before him, can any christian mistake his duty.

Brethren, remember your pastor. Let him feel that he has your sympathy and hearty co-operation in all his labors of love. Remember him in your approaches to the throne of grace. Remind him that it is his duty to preach the gospel, and do you not forget that it is just as much your duty to supply his wants. If God has called your pastor to preach to you, He has called you to stand by him and support him.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HARMON.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

That we recognize the power of the press for informing us on and keeping us in sympathy with the workings of our denomination, and in defending our doctrines! it is our weekly preacher, and the teacher that educates our children at the fireside. We regard the *Biblical Recorder* as indispensable for our highest efficiency as church members, and we cordially recommend *Kind Words*, *The Baptist Teacher* and *Home and Foreign Journal* for our Sunday School work.

With the view of securing a larger circulation of these periodicals, we would recommend to our churches that they appoint a committee from each church, whose duty it shall be to help the pastor in introducing these papers into every Baptist family.

A. F. REDD.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We have reason for joy and gratitude when we look to the past and see what has already been done in the evangelization of the world. During the present century, a new era has dawned upon the nations. Christians have waked up to some extent to the weighty responsibility resting upon them, and nearly all denominations have their missionary societies through which they maintain laborers in foreign lands. The noble men and women have been greatly encouraged by seeing the work prosper in their hands. New fields are opening up, and the Macedonian cry for help comes to us from all parts of the earth. Some time ago our own Board was calling for men and God has sent them. Now what is needed is the prayers and contributions of God's people to sustain those who have gone and are now going to labor.

Christian brethren, we talk and write and preach about the Commission, but I fear that too few of us catch its spirit and endeavor to carry out the great duty which it enjoins. We need to return to the fervor

of our first love, and feel again as when we first saw the Lord and experienced the power of his truth. Then our hearts ran out after men and we could scarcely rest for a moment.

We need to love God, his truth and the souls of men more; then we should be more active in the cause of our Master. Finally, whether the cause of Missions had been successful in the past or not; whether or not our love is as ardent as it should be; whatever be our state of feelings or surrounding circumstances, we ought not, we can not, for a moment hesitate. It is the Master's to command, ours to obey. Let us all hear and obey our marching orders: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," &c.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HARMON.

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee appointed to prepare a report on Church Letters and State of Religion, after some consideration, is glad to learn that the Lord has to some extent blest his people within our bounds. Some of our churches bring up the glad news that the Lord has been with them and revived their drooping spirits and that many have been brought from darkness to light through the instrumentality of His people; this fills our hearts with gladness; and enables us to cry out and say, "bless the Lord, O my soul."

But, while it fills our souls with joy and gladness, to hear of the prosperity of Zion in some portions of our Association, we are made to sorrow over the desolation in other parts of the vineyard: Some of the brethren are telling us of the coldness of their churches; they are crying: O, my leanness! my leanness!

Brethren, why this cold state? Is it because we have been too negligent in regard to many important duties? We verily believe, brethren, that there is no necessity for our coldness, but it is to be always rejoicing in the Lord. So let us search and try our ways and turn again to the Lord. So let us wait upon the Lord, for they that wait upon Him shall have their strength renewed.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. STOKER.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The magnitude of a subject so important in all its bearings, demands our most prayerful consideration. We are led to believe that the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, by many of our brethren, is a serious hindrance to the cause of Christ. We are of those who think that no church member should be engaged in the manufacture or sale of spirituous liquors, either directly or indirectly. We should look upon strong drink as a common enemy to our cause, and should respectfully ask all our brethren, and urge upon them to desist from the use of an article so detrimental to our best interests. We are unable

to understand how a disciple of Christ, who loves the cause of his Redeemer above all things else, who has a burning desire for the salvation of precious souls, can in any way, either in public or private, indulge in the use of an article which can have no higher use than the gratification of the lust of the flesh.

It is dangerous, because it degrades us in the estimation of the christian world, and thereby lessens our usefulness. It is dangerous, because it lays an example before the world in which others who are less able than ourselves to resist temptation, may stumble and fall. It is dangerous, because it says to the sinner, that if the church member can use intoxicating drinks, that he may with all propriety indulge to the fullest extent the sensational desires of his carnal appetite.

Let us, dear brethren, use every effort in our power, as an organization, to forward the great temperance movement inaugurated in our country, until the sentiment shall predominate, until the time when intemperance shall find no advocate in our ranks, when every professor can lay his hand upon his breast and lift his eyes toward heaven and say with a clear conscience, I am free from the sin of intemperance.

Respectfully,

HENRY SHEETS.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The following is the amount sent up for the various objects. For printing of minutes, \$32.93. For State Missions, \$14.35. For Foreign Missions, \$29.00. For Education, \$7.00.

For the amount sent up by each church see statistical table.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICES.	Baptised.....	Received by Letter.	Restored.....	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased.....	White Males.....	White Females.....	Colored Males.....	Colored Females....	Total.....	Church Meetings...	Contributions.				S. S. Scholars.....
															Education.....	State Missions.	For. Missions...	Minutes,.....	
Muddy Creek.....	P. Oliver.....	Little Yarkin.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	18	35	.....	.....	.....	53	1	.....	.....	\$3 45	\$1 40	.....
New Friendship.....	Wm. Turner.....	Salem .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	42	83	.....	.....	.....	125	1	.....	.....	5 25	3 25	.....
Abbott's Creek.....	Wm. Turner.....	"	8	1	.....	3	1	39	79	5	3	.....	126	3	.....	.....	3 20	3 50	.....
High Point.....	G. W. Harmon.....	"	2	5	.....	.....	1	21	35	4	.....	.....	60	4	.....	.....	.....	2 35	30
Thomasville .....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	9	22	.....	.....	.....	31	3	.....	.....	.....	1 00	25
Pine Meeting House.	H. Morton.....	Milledgeville.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	19	31	.....	.....	.....	50	4	\$5 00	.....	.....	2 25	30
Jersey Settlement.....	J. B. Richardson.....	High Point.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4	7	38	56	24	41	159	1	.....	\$6 85	2 25	3 05	.....
Reed's Cross Roads...	H. Morton.....	Milledgeville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	30	48	.....	.....	.....	78	2	.....	2 50	.....	2 00	.....
Marion	W. H. Hamner.....	Lexington.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	9	12	1	2	.....	24	2	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
Liberty.....	B. Lanier.....	New Market.....	2	.....	.....	.....	4	32	60	.....	.....	.....	84	2	.....	.....	.....	1 55	.....
Holloway's	H. Morton.....	Milledgeville.....	2	2	1	4	2	38	86	4	8	.....	136	3	2 00	5 00	5 00	2 50	.....
Lick Creek.....	A. S. Roper.....	Jackson Hill.....	1	.....	.....	1	2	43	80	1	4	.....	128	4	.....	.....	2 70	3 50	.....
Big Creek.....	James Jordan.....	Troy.....	11	.....	.....	1	1	20	40	.....	.....	.....	61	2	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....
Tom's Creek.....	A. P. Stoker.....	Salem Church.....	6	2	2	3	2	19	32	.....	.....	.....	53	2	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....
Pierce's Chapel.....	B. Lanier.....	New Market.....	6	.....	.....	15	.....	21	28	.....	.....	.....	51	3	.....	.....	.....	1 45	.....
Summerville.....	A. P. Stoker.....	Salem Church.....	11	8	.....	1	.....	8	29	.....	.....	.....	37	1	.....	.....	.....	1 13	81
			38	28	3	16	31	20	406	756	35	67	1256	.....	\$7 00	\$14 35	\$29 00	\$32 93	166

Vicentriates.

W. R. COGGIN, W. S. ADDERTON, THOS. CARRICK and JOHN
BURRAGE.

Ordained Ministers.

BENJAMIN LANIER,	.....	New Market,	N. C.
WM. TURNER,	.....	Salem,	“
G. W. HARMON,	.....	“	“
W. H. HAMNER,	.....	Lexington,	“
AARON YARBROUGH,	.....	“	“
WM. LAMBETH,	.....	Salisbury.	“
A. P. STOKER,	.....	Salem Church,	“
W. N. THAYER,	.....	Sander's Hill,	“
H. MORTON,	.....	Millegeville,	“
S. A. ROPER,	.....	Jackson Hill,	“

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Liberty Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT REED'S CROSS ROADS,

DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,

August 20th, 21st, and 23d,

1875.

MODERATOR, ELDER WM. TURNER, Salem, N. C.

CLERK, THOS. CARRICK, Healing Springs, N. C.

"CENTRAL"—LEXINGTON, N. C.



PROCEEDINGS.

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REED'S CROSS ROADS CHURCH, }
Davidson Co., N. C., Aug. 20th, 1875. }

The Liberty Association convened according to previous appointment.

By the request of Elder Wm. Turner, Elder C. T. Bailey preached the Introductory Sermon, from Heb. 11th chapter and 24th, 25th verses.

Recess of one hour, after which, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, Elder Wm. Turner, by reading from the 106th Psalm and singing "Come let us strike our harps afresh." Prayer by Elder H. Morton.

The Church letters were called for and read, and delegates were enrolled as follows:

DISTRICT NO. I.

Muddy Creek.—H. E. Long, Wm. Doty and J. E. Craver.

New Friend-ship.—Pinkney Snider, A. Delap and C. A. Rominger.

Abbott's Creek.—G. W. Charles, John Teague and Sandford Spurgin.

High Point.—D. Hazelton, A. C. Jones and J. B. Richardson.

Thomasville.—A. R. Witherington, and H. W. Reinhart.

DISTRICT NO. II.

Pine Meeting House.—J. H. Wilson, G. W. Deadman and Jas. Beck.

Jersey Settlement.—A. H. March, J. A. Rickard and W. E. Mersel.

Reed's Cross Roads.—J. H. Owen, J. A. Craver and J. M. Foster.

Murion.—J. A. Leonard, Peter Loff and R. S. Green.

Liberty.—W. Miller, B. F. Copple and B. Lanier, Jr.

DISTRICT NO. III.

Holloway's.—H. J. Palmer, J. M. Stoner and A. E. Prim.

Lick Creek.—Thos. Carrick, W. P. Redwine and Peter Cross.

Big Creek.—A. L. Henderson and J. M. Henderson.

Tom's Creek.—Henry Sheets.

Pierce's Chapel.—W. R. Coggin and Thos. Lambeth.

Summerville.—William Gallimore.

On motion the Association proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk. Brethren J. F. Hodge and J. F. Redwine were appointed to wait on the House, who reported Elder Wm. Turner elected Moderator, and Bro. Thomas Carrick elected Clerk.

Elder Turner entertained the Association for a short time, with some very instructive, appropriate and touching remarks.

An invitation was given to churches that might desire to unite with this Association—none accepted the invitation.

On motion, an invitation was given to visiting brethren. Elders C. T. Bailey, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, J. F. Hodge of Rocky River Association, J. F. Redwine of South Yadkin Association, Wm. Lambeth of Salisbury, and J. B. Richardson, Corresponding Secretary of the State Baptist Convention, accepted the invitation.

On motion the pastor and delegates of this church were appointed as a Committee on Religious Exercises.

On motion, brethren from sister Associations were invited to report themselves. Bro. John Sailor from the South Yadkin reported.

The following brethren were appointed as a Committee on Finance: C. A. Rominger and A. H. March.

On motion the Clerk was made Treasurer of the Association.

J. B. Richardson, H. W. Reinhart and A. R. Witherington, together with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed as a Committee to prepare an order of proceedings.

The following Committees were appointed to report to-morrow or as soon thereafter as practicable.

On Education.—H. W. Reinhart and G. W. Charles.

On Ministerial Support.—D. Hazelton and W. P. Redwine.

On Periodicals.—C. T. Bailey and R. S. Green.

On Missions.—J. B. Richardson and A. H. March.

On Church and State of Religion.—C. A. Rominger and Thos. Carrick.

On Temperance.—Thos. Carrick and H. Morton.

On Sabbath Schools.—A. C. Jones and John Teague.

On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow. Prayer by Elder J. F. Redwine, leading. Preaching to-night by Elder J. F. Redwine.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 21, 1875.

At 9 o'clock the Association was called to order by Moderator Turner reading from the 3d chapter of Revelation, and singing the hymn "Blessed are the men whose mercies moved."

The roll was called and minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Committee on an order of proceedings reported. Report adopted and Committee continued.

On motion the names of delegates not present were left out of the minutes.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read.

Correspondents to Sister Associations were called on to report. Bro. Henry Sheets attended the Rocky River; had a pleasant meeting. Elder J. B. Richardson attended the Beulah; thought that the meeting was more than usually interesting. Elder Wm. Turner and Brethren W. F. Stoner and David Smith attended the South Yadkin; the meeting was attended with interest.

The following brethren were appointed as Correspondents to Sister Associations:

Rocky River.—H. Morton and W. S. Adderton.

Beulah.—Wm. Turner and J. B. Richardson.

Sandy Creek.—J. L. Pleasant and D. Hazelton.

Yadkin.—R. A. Wommack and A. Delap.

South Yadkin.—A. Yarbrough and A. R. Craver.

On motion any brother of this Association attending any of the above named Associations, may consider himself a corresponding messenger.

On motion it was agreed to hold the next session of this body with the Church at High Point, commencing Friday before the fourth Lord's-day in August, 1876.

On motion Elder H. W. Reinhart was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session, and Elder Wm. Turner his alternate.

On motion the Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and to have 500 copies printed, and that the Clerk be allowed six dollars for his services.

Bro. Henry Sheets was sent to the stand to preach.

The following report on Sabbath Schools was read by chairman of the Committee:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

There is no department of christian labor in which all the followers of Christ can engage more efficiently than that of Sabbath Schools. The Scriptures enjoin upon us the religious instruction of the young.—Let the children be brought to Christ, and the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We rejoice to learn that our Churches are becoming more and more enlisted in this christian work. We earnestly recommend every church to have a Sabbath School, not only at their houses of worship, but in every surrounding neighborhood. Let us work for still greater efficiency in bringing the precious ones that God has committed to our guardianship into the light and liberty of divine truth.

A. C. JONES.

JOHN TEAGUE.

Interesting remarks were made on the report by Bro. John Teague and Elders C. T. Bailey and H. W. Reinhart, after which it was adopted.

The Committee on Finance made the following report.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The amount of funds received for printing Minutes \$30.03, for State Missions \$3.25, for Foreign Missions \$4.00, and for Ministerial Education \$2.00. Total, \$39.28.

C. A. ROMINGER,

A. H. MARCH.

For amount contributed by each church see Table of Statistics.

The Treasurer's report was as follows.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Received from the Finance Committee for printing Minutes \$30.03, for State Missions \$3.25, for Foreign Missions \$4.00 and for Ministerial Education \$2.00. Funds on hand from last year, for printing Minutes \$2.07. Total on hand now \$41.35.

THOMAS CARRICK, Treasurer.

On motion, the Association adjourned for one hour. Prayer by W. H. Hamner.

Afternoon Session.

After singing and reading a portion of the Scriptures by the Moderator and prayer by Bro. C. A. Rominger, the Association again proceeded to transact the business claiming its attention.

Invitation was again extended to correspondence and was accepted by Bro. E. L. Parker from the South Yadkin Association.

Bro. J. F. Redwine was sent to the stand to preach.

Bro. H. W. Reinhart, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted a report as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Dear Brethren: We believe and teach that God intends to convert the world through the instrumentality of his church; that to this great and glorious work all christians are required to consecrate their lives, their property, their powers of heart and mind; that to this end God demands that we shall improve for his service and glory all the talents committed to our care. We know that consecrated educated mind has ever been a powerful agent in the hand of God for the conviction and conversion of sinners. Can it be that christians in this enlightened age need to be urged to use the means committed to their stewardship for their own increase in knowledge and mental power and consequent enlarged christian influence for the education of the children entrusted to their care and instruction, and for the thorough preparation for the great work of the

gospel ministry of those in their midst whom God has set apart more particularly to his service. And yet, it is a lamentable fact, so far as the information of your Committee reaches, that little, very little has been done in this direction within the bounds of this Association. One young brother from this Association, preparing for the ministry, has just graduated at Wake Forest College with but little assistance from the churches of this Association. Others might be found, willing to give themselves to the Lord's work if encouraged by the liberalities of the brethren. Nor would we neglect to urge the education of our daughters. It is a fact proven by the experience and observation of many that the influence exerted by pious, educated women in every church and community is second only to that of the ministry of the word in the maintenance of all the interest of Christ's kingdom. We, therefore, earnestly urge our brethren to avail themselves of the excellent schools, male and female, established in our midst and elsewhere in our State, under Baptist auspices, for the thorough education of our sons and even more especially of our daughters. Respectfully submitted,

H. W. REINHART,
G. W. CHARLES.

Instructive and stirring speeches were made by Elders C. T. Bailey, H. W. Reinhart, J. B. Richardson and bro. C. A. Rominger.

The report was adopted.

On motion the following report on Periodicals was read by Elder C. T. Bailey, chairman of the committee:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The efficiency of our membership, the brotherly interest and co-operation of the thousands of our people, the success of the truth in its conflict with error—with the general information and religious instruction of our people, depend to a great extent upon the character and circulation of our religious literature. For this reason we earnestly recommend the *Biblical Recorder*. It will greatly aid the pastors of our churches in their arduous work for the Master. It will aid and encourage the brethren and sisters in their efforts to reach a higher degree of piety and usefulness. It will instruct and benefit the members of every family it visits. As a religious family newspaper it is unsurpassed in its allegiance to the truth as it is in Christ. In its high moral tone and its absolute independence in all the issues that divide public opinion it is without a rival in all the land. We regard it as a duty to the ministry and membership of our churches, that its claims should be actively canvassed in every section of the State and its circulation in every baptist family if possible.

C. T. BAILEY,
R. S. GREEN.

Remarks on the report were submitted by Elders C. T. Bailey, J. B. Richardson and H. W. Reinhart, on the importance of taking and reading the *Biblical Recorder*. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Ministerial support made their report, as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Dear Brethren: We believe the preaching of the Gospel is one great source of converting the world, and the great Apostle says, for though I I preach the Gospel I have nothing to glory of; for necessity is laid upon me, yea, woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel. And our blessed Saviour's commission to his apostles is as broad as the universe; for he said unto them—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," &c. Now brethren if such great obligation is laid upon our ministers, what is our obligation to our God and to our ministering

brethren? Is it not our duty as brethren to give of our substance as the Lord has prospered us? And the apostle Paul says, neither did we eat any man's bread for naught, but wrought with labor and travail night and day that we might not be chargeable to any of you, not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an example unto you to follow us. Now, brethren, let us follow St. Paul's instruction, and let us not only give of our substance as the Lord has prospered us, but let our prayers daily ascend to the Throne of Grace in behalf of the servants of our blessed Lord and Master.

Respectfully submitted,

D. HAZELTON.
W. P. REDWINE.

Remarks by Elders C. T. Bailey and J. B. Richardson, after which the report was adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that bro. Thomas Garrick would preach to-night at the stand. That to-morrow at 11 o'clock, Elder Wm. Turner would preach in the house, and Elder J. B. Richardson at the stand; and that Elder C. T. Bailey would preach in the house in the afternoon.

On motion the Association adjourned until Monday, 9 o'clock, a. m.
Prayer by bro. J. F. Hodge. Benediction by bro. H. W. Reinhart.

SABBATH, Aug. 22d, 1875.

Devotional exercises at 10 o'clock, a. m., conducted by Eld. J. F. Redwine, after which in consequence of the inclemency of the weather it was thought best to have preaching only in the house. Elder William Turner preached from Acts, 8th chap., 5th 6th and 8th v.; and was followed by Elder J. B. Richardson, who read from the 16th chap. of Acts, and preached on the subject of the Jailor's conversion. At the close of the morning exercises a collection was taken up for missions amounting to \$10.75 for State missions, and 80 cts. for Foreign missions. After an intermission, Elder C. T. Bailey preached from 1st Cor. iii, 22.

THIRD DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, Aug. 23, 1875.

At 9 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator reading from John vii, and singing the hymn, "Sow in the morning thy seeds." Prayer by bro. John Teague. The minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read and approved. The report of the Executive Committee was called for, upon which Elder J. B. Richardson, the Chairman of that Committee, made a verbal report, stating that the Committee had done nothing during the last year. Report received and Committee continued for next year.

Bro. H. W. Reinhart moved that this Association recommend and urge each church in its bounds to appoint one of its members, and that that one be a female if possible, whose duty it shall be to collect funds in her church for the support of a missionary in this Association; and that the sisters appointed make regular reports to the Exec. Committee of this body, whose duty it shall be to employ a missionary for this Association. *The churches would do well to notice and carry into effect this motion.*

Bro. H. W. Reinhart was sent to the stand to preach.

The following was the report submitted on Missions:

REPORT ON MISSIONS :

We as a denomination claim to be a missionary body, because the first impulses of our religion direct us, the Scriptures abundantly teach us by precept and example, and our Lord strictly commands us to preach the Gospel to all creatures. What are we doing in this work ?

1. The State Mission Board has only seven missionaries in the field while some Associations have five or six more. We ought to have fifty men now employed; for the destitution calls for them and we are able to support them.

We recommend to this Association to double their efforts in this work, even if they will not employ a missionary in the bounds of our Association.

2. We are doing some little for Foreign Missions but not what we ought. Our Foreign Missionaries, says Dr. Tupper, corresponding secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, in a recent appeal, will have to be recalled if our contributions are not greatly increased. North Carolina is falling far short of her quota in this department. We beg our Pastors to bring before all their churches our mission work.

A. H. MARCH,
J. B. RICHARDSON.

Elder J. B. Richardson addressed the Association on the importance of missionary work.

The report was adopted.

Bro. C. A. Rominger offered the following report on

CHURCH LETTERS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

Dear Brethren : From the reading of the church letters we receive intelligence that the Lord has been pleased to bless some of our churches with revivals of religion since our last Association, for which our hearts do greatly rejoice. The question then arises, Why have not all the churches been thus revived ? We know that God is no respecter of persons. Then the fault must be ours. Brethren, does not this coldness in religion begin at home ? How often do we assemble ourselves together in the home-circle and make religion our theme ! Ah ! if it lives not at home, how can we expect it to live abroad ! Suppose the members of every family represented in the churches of this body, were to spend a short time every evening in reading the Sacred Truth, and then earnestly asking God to revive religion in their hearts, what would be the state of religion among us ? What would be the reports of the churches at our next Association ? Why, they would tell us of Pentecostal showers, and of peace and general prosperity throughout the bounds of our Association. Brethren, if we want our churches revived, our members increased more than usual, and more of our friends and relations brought into the fold of Christ, we must have more enthusiastic home-workers : " For in the day thou seekest me with thy whole heart, I will be found of thee." Yea, " It shall come to pass that before they call I will answer; and while they are yet speaking I will hear."

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. ROMINGER,
THOS. CARRICK.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Temperance submitted the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

In order to be fully awake to the cause of temperance, we have only to consider the ruinous effects of intemperance upon the human family.

The use of alcoholic spirits as a beverage has and ever will prove detrimental to man's physical being, and it tends greatly to degrade his moral nature, thus reducing him to the most abject slavery, placing him under the control of the carnal appetites and reducing him almost to a level with the brute. Also, the mental faculties are greatly weakened and deranged by the use of this poison. So that if we were to say nothing of any other evils these three would be quite sufficient to elicit our sympathy and call us to rescue suffering humanity.

According to the various estimates made the evils of intemperance are the greatest national scourge of the day. But the most distressing feature, and that which should stir our souls most, is that it is ruinous to the human soul. The cause of Christ demands that we should put forth all the efforts within our power to weaken, and if possible to banish alcoholic spirits from the land.

Dear Brethren, is it right that our church members should indulge in the use, the sale or the making of that which is so destructive to the human race? Can a good man do and deliberately continue to do, that which he knows to be wrong? In short, ought we to countenance those of our brethren who are furnishing the world with this species of poison?

THOS. CARRICK,

H. MORTON.

Remarks by Elders C. T. Bailey, J. B. Richardson, and brethren C. A. Rominger, D. Hazelton and Henry Sheets. The report was adopted.

On motion the following brethren were appointed as delegates to the Baptist State Convention: Wm. Turner, J. L. Pleasant, W. P. Redwine, Henry Sheets and W. H. Hamner.

Elder J. B. Richardson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we return our thanks to the brethren and citizens of this community for their kind hospitality to the members of this body during its session.

The business of the Association having been disposed of, on motion it adjourned.

Prayer by Elder C. T. Bailey.

Benediction by Elder H. Morton.

WM. TURNER, Moderator.

THOS. CARRICK, Clerk.

LICENTIATES.

W. R. Coggin, W. S. Adderton, Thos. Carrick, H. W. Reinhart and Henry Sheets.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Benjamin Lanier, New Market, N.C.	W. N. Thayer, Sander's Hill, N.C.
Wm. Turner, Salem, "	H. Morton, Milledgeville, "
G. W. Harman, Wadesboro, "	S. A. Roper, Jackson Hill, "
Aaron Yarbrough, Lexington, "	J. B. Richardson, High Point, "
W. H. Hamner, " "	R. A. Moore, Thomasville, "
A. P. Stoker, Salem Church, "	

Items.—Contributions to the Orphan Asylum from Jersey Church, \$5.18; from High Point, \$3.60; from High Point Sunday School, \$8.79. This Sunday School has also contributed \$4.50 for other benevolent objects.—The Church at High Point has liquidated their church debt, near \$500—did it among themselves.—The Jersey Church has given during the past year for Church Extension, \$35.00; for church repairs, \$70.00; and to Ministers aiding in meetings, \$68.00.—The brethren and sisters at Thomasville have painted their house at a cost of \$120.

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PROCEEDINGS.

HIGH POINT CHURCH, GUILFORD COUNTY, N. C., }
August 25th, 1876. }

The Liberty Association convened according to previous appointment.

Introductory Sermon by H. W. Reinhart, from I Cor. 3rd chapter and 9th verse.

After a short recess the Association was called to order by Elder Wm. Turner, by reading a portion of Scripture and singing. Prayer by Elder S. F. Conrad.

The letters from the various churches were called for and read, and delegates were enrolled as follows :

DISTRICT NO. I.

Muddy Creek—Jacob Carnish, B. Doty and J. E. Craver.

New Friendship—M. L. Charles, R. A. Wommack and Theophilus Kimel.

Abbott's Creek—J. M. Raper, G. W. Charles and Sanford Spurgin.

High Point—D. Hazelton, J. Welch and A. C. Jones.

Thomasville—C. H. Sugg, James Witherington and H. W. Reinhart.

DISTRICT NO. II.

Pine Meeting House—G. W. Deadman and D. W. Barnes.

Jersey Settlement—A. J. Owen, J. W. Smith and G. W. Palmer.

Reed's Roads—R. B. Myers, L. P. Craven and J. A. Myers.

Marion—Peter Lopp, Jacob Seacreast and R. S. Green.

Liberty—B. Lanier, Jr., George Fine and Stephen Imbler.

DISTRICT NO. III.

Holloway's—W. F. Stoner and Wm. Broadway.

Lick Creek—Thos. Carrick and J. H. Daniel.

Big Creek—J. G. Henderson and W. A. Russell.

Tom's Creek—A. J. Buie, Henry Sheets and John Gibson.

Pierce's Chapel—S. W. Lanier, Abram Nance and Farley Cody.

Summerville—W. N. Kinney, Wm. Galimore and George Frank.

The Association then proceeded to the election of permanent officers, which resulted in the selection of Elder William Turner for Moderator, and Thomas Carrick Clerk. Elder Turner expressed his gratitude to the brethren of the Association for deeming him worthy of their confidence, and strikingly set forth the great objects of our annual meetings in an associated capacity.

An invitation was given to churches that might desire to unite with this Association.

Visiting ministers were invited to report themselves. The following brethren reported: Elder R. H. Griffith, Agent of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Elder C. T. Bailey, Editor of the Biblical Recorder, and Elder C. A. Jenkins, Principal of Thomasville Male Academy.

Corresponding messengers from sister Associations reported as follows: Elder S. F. Conrad of Beulah, Elders E. Crutchfield and J. J. Crutchfield of Sandy Creek, and J. H. Booth of the South Yadkin.

Elders, J. J. James and J. B. Richardson, together with the delegates of this Church, were appointed as a Committee on Religious Exercises.

Brethren G. W. Charles and J. W. Smith as a Committee on Finance.

Elders H. Morton, W. H. Hamner and R. A. Moore were appointed to prepare an Order of Business.

Appointment of Committees to report during this meeting :

On Education—C. T. Bailey and R. A. Wommack.

On Ministerial Support—R. H. Griffith and Henry Sheets.

On Periodicals—S. F. Conrad and J. G. Henderson.

On Foreign Missions—J. J. James and C. A. Jenkins.

On State and Associational Missions—J. H. Booth and H. Morton.

On Church Letters and State of Religion—Thomas Carrick and L. P. Craver.

On Temperance—R. A. Moore and C. A. Rominger.

On Sabbath Schools—W. F. Stoner and G. W. Palmer.

On motion, Judge Kerr was invited to deliver an address before this body on the origin and history of the Baptists on Sunday morning, at 10 o'clock.

Elder J. B. Richardson moved that this body meet to-night in this house and discuss the subject of Education, and that Elder R. H. Griffith be invited to address us.

On motion, it was agreed to meet each day during the sessions of this body at 9 o'clock, a. m., spend half a hour in devotional exercises, that we adjourn at half-past 12, meet again at half-past 1, and adjourn at will.

On motion of Bro. Henry Sheets, it was agreed to make the subject of State and Associational Missions the first business of to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder J. H. Booth.

According to previous appointment the Report on Education was called for and read by Elder C. T. Bailey.

The Report on Education.

Your committee most respectfully submit, that in their judgment the condition of our Educational interest demands the prayerful consideration of every member of Christ's Kingdom who desires the triumphs of our cause, or the welfare of our fellow men. Our want of interest and effort in this direction have greatly hindered our efficiency as a denomination, and is a burden that now bears so heavily upon us as a people.

The time has now come, when it is the duty of parents to educate their children. Efforts are being made to educate the children of the State, and large numbers are at school ; with us, however, comparatively little is being done.

This your Committee deeply regrets. To awake the fathers of our people to this imperative duty should be the prayerful aim of every minister of the Gospel, and intelligent layman in the State.

We rejoice in the fact that the zeal and energy of some of our brethren have built School houses and Colleges nearly all over the State. These Schools and Colleges are, to-day, prepared to impart knowledge and even higher education to all who come. But we regret that so few of the parents of the land appreciate these opportunities, and thus there are not hundreds of our daughters at Thomasville, Raleigh or Murfreesboro, and as many of our sons at Wake Forest. We

greatly need educated mechanics, educated farmers, educated merchants, educated ministers, as well as educated lawyers and doctors.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We regard the education of our rising ministry one of the most important objects of Christian effort. Much has been done in nearly every part of the State, in the sterile fields and amid the appealing elements we find young men, strong in faith and willing to endure hardships, who have been trained in our Schools and Colleges, are side by side with others whom God has called, going forth and telling the story of the Cross. God be thanked for these young brethren He has given to His churches.

It is with painful regret that your Committee state the condition of the Education Board of the Baptist State Convention. Last year there were sixteen young brethren who had been licensed by the churches to preach the Gospel. Many of them were men of the highest character as Christians, and prepared in heart and mind to become able ministers of the New Testament. But the Board ended the session over \$600 in debt, and such has been the pressure of the times, and the want of interest in ministerial education; that but little of the debt has been paid, and it is now feared that the Board will have to suspend operations. This we should regard as a great calamity to the cause of Christ, and therefore let us hope and pray that God may put it in the hearts of his people to help this Board. We recommend, as worthy the patronage and support of our brethren, our Schools and Colleges now in successful operation, and especially commend our Greenville Theological Seminary to our brethren in the ministry, and heartily approve of the efforts now being made to raise North Carolina's quota of its permanent endowment.

Respectfully submitted.

C. T. BAILEY,
R. A. WOMMACK.

Pending the adoption of the Report the Association was addressed by Elders C. T. Bailey, J. J. James and Judge Kerr. The Report was suspended to be further discussed to-morrow.

In consequence of the audience being small Elder R. H. Griffith was requested to address this body, in the interest of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, to-morrow, and that his address be made the second order of business.

On motion, adjourned.

Benediction by Elder R. A. Moore.



SATURDAY, August 26th, 1876.

At 9 o'clock, a. m., devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator, after which the Association again proceeded to business.

The Report of the Committee on an Order of Business was called for and read by Elder H. Morton. Report adopted.

The roll of delegates was called, and proceedings of yesterday and last night read and approved.

On motion, the Association dispensed with the reading of the Constitution and Rules of Order.

The following report on State and Associational Missions was read by Elder J. H. Booth :

The Report on State and Associational Missions.

Your Committee would state that the cause of State Missions should elicit our more earnest sympathy and consideration.

The State Mission Board has eleven missionaries under appointment, who are preaching the Gospel both in town and country. To meet the current expenses of the brethren requires about two thousand dollars—only two cents to each professed Missionary Baptist in the State; but not half of this amount, which is actually necessary to pay the faithful Missionaries for this year's services, has been received as yet. There is great destitution within the bounds of our beloved State. Fifty Missionaries ought to be in the field. But how can they preach except they be sent? And how can they be sent without the means?

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

As it is known to this body, there is great destitution within the bounds of our own Association. At least one Missionary should be appointed as soon as practicable to labor in Lexington and the destitute country neighborhoods.

We therefore recommend that the Association make it the duty of the Executive Committee to secure a Missionary as soon as the money to meet the expenses can be made sure. In order to do this, we would most earnestly urge the pastors to get their churches to adopt at once the systematic plan of giving weekly as the Lord hath prospered us. A plan recommended by Paul in I Cor. 16th chapter and 2nd verse. And we recommend that the churches which adopt this plan report immediately to the chairman of the Executive Committee the amount that they will give during the next Associational year, to be forwarded quarterly. Also that the Association make it the duty of the Executive Committee to do all within their power to get the churches to adopt this plan.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. BOOTH,
H. MORTON.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended to hear the report of the Executive Committee, which was submitted by Elder J. B. Richardson.

The Report of the Executive Committee.

Your Committee to whom was referred the appointment of a Missionary to labor with the bounds of this Association, report that they have made no appointment because they have received no means.

They recommend the discontinuance of any such Committee, unless the churches place the necessary funds in their hands.

J. B. RICHARDSON,
A. C. JONES,
G. W. CHARLES.

On motion, the report on State and Associational Missions and the report of the Executive Committee were discussed in connection with each other. Pending the adoption of the reports the subjects were well discussed by Elder J. H. Booth, Judge Kerr, Elders S. F. Conrad and R. H. Griffith.

In this connection Elder Wm. Turner gave a very interesting account of the history of the missionary operations of this Association.

On motion the subjects now under consideration were suspended that Elder R. H. Griffith might address the Association in the interest of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Elder S. F. Conrad would preach in the Presbyterian Church at 3 o'clock this evening, and Elder R. H. Griffith to-night in this house.

The Association took a recess of one hour.

Benediction by Elder W. H. Hamner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder C. T. Bailey.

The report on Education was again taken up, and adopted.

The report on State and Associational Missions was resumed and re-read. Remarks were submitted by Bro. H. W. Reinhart, Elders J. B. Richardson, J. H. Booth, J. J. James, Wm. Turner and E. Crutchfield.

In connection with the subject of State and Associational Missions, Bro. H. W. Reinhart offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That we, the delegates of the Liberty Association, pledge ourselves to use our utmost endeavors to induce our churches to adopt the Bible plan of weekly systematic beneficence, as laid down in I Cor., 16th chapter and 2nd verse, with the view to the employment of a missionary within the bounds of this Association.

The report was adopted as amended by the above resolution.

Corresponding messengers to sister Associations reported. Elders H. Morton and A. P. Stoker attended the Rockey River. Reported a good meeting. Elders J. B. Richardson and Wm. Turner attended the Beulah. They also reported an interesting meeting. Brethren David Smith, H. Morton, Wm. Turner and others attended the South Yadkin.

The report on Ministerial Support was called for and read by Elder R. H. Griffith.

The Report on Ministerial Support.

It is a fact which accords with the principles of human nature and corroborated by universal experience, that a man gives his best energies and attention to that employment from which he expects his support. In the ordinary transactions of life men expect to compensate those persons as well as to support the very beasts whose labors they employ.

Since the preaching of the Gospel is the most important of all employments, it surely deserves the best capacities, the undivided energies, of those engaged in so glorious a work ; but if they have to look to something else for a support, they cannot give themselves wholly to the work of the ministry. Yet in the instructions of Divine Inspiration, Timothy was directed to give himself wholly to the work of preaching the Gospel, while to the churches was given this information, " Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel."

The farmer supports his ox. Shall not the churches of Christ support those who serve them in the Gospel.—Cor. IX.

R. H. GRIFFITH,
HENRY SHEETS.

Remarks by Judge Kerr and Elder R. H. Griffith. Report adopted.

On motion the report on Periodicals was ordered. The report not being ready the following resolution was submitted by Elder R. H. Griffith :

Resolved, That we most heartily commend the *Biblical Recorder* to the members of our churches as promotive of Christian knowledge and piety, and urge upon

them the importance of increasing its circulation as involving to a large extent the extension of our influence and the success of our denominational enterprise.

Speeches were delivered by Elders C. T. Bailey and R. H. Griffith, earnestly urging the great duty of taking and reading the *Biblical Recorder*.

The report on Periodicals having been brought in was read by Elder S. F. Conrad.

The Report on Periodicals.

The success of all enterprises engaged in by a number of persons is best promoted by concert of action, and this can only be brought about by all parties interested being properly informed as to their nature and bearing.

As a denomination of Christians, bound together only by the united ties of brotherly love and common allegiance to Christ, it is important that we be thoroughly identified and informed as to every good word and work.

We, your Committee, therefore, deem it of the highest importance that every one who can, to constantly read the *Biblical Recorder* and be informed of the great work immediately in our borders and the regions beyond, as well as to aid in the circulation of a wholesome literature.

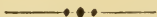
The power of the Press can never be estimated, and those who fail to use it fail to wield one of the most powerful weapons God has given to disseminate truth and combat error. The time has now come when the success of truth largely depends upon the press. As seeds of error are sown broadcast over the world can only be overcome by a like sowing of the truth, let us, dear brethren, keep pace with the age in which we live and use all the means in our power to circulate truth and promote the greatest good.

S. F. CONRAD,
J. G. HENDERSON.

Further remarks were added by Elders J. J. James and R. H. Griffith. The report and resolution were adopted.

On motion, adjourned until Monday morning.

Benediction by the Moderator.



SABBATH August 27th, 1876.

Devotional exercises at 9 o'clock, conducted by Elder Wm. Turner.

The hour having arrived for Judge Kerr's address on the Origin and History of the Baptists, he proceeded to speak with very great power and ability.

Preaching in the Presbyterian church at 10 o'clock by Elder H. A. Brown.

Preaching in the afternoon in the Baptist church by Elder C. T. Bailey from Eph. 3rd chapter and 8th verse.

Preaching at night in the Baptist church by Elder Wm. Turner from Luke 20th chapter and 35th and 36th verses.



MONDAY, August 28th, 1876.

Devotional exercises at 9 o'clock, a. m., conducted by Elder R. A. Moore, after which the body was called to order by the Moderator.

The time and place of the next meeting of the Association being in order, after a short contest between the churches at Big Creek and Abbott's Creek, it was

decided to hold the next Association with the church at Big Creek on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1877.

Elder B. Lanier was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. B. Richardson his alternate.

The report on Foreign Missions was called for and read by Elder J. J. James.

The Report on Foreign Missions.

The Foreign Missions of the Baptists of this country cannot be said to be making rapid progress in the multiplication of converts, and yet the outlook is quite encouraging. To break in upon the hoary errors of heathenism and overturn them by so fundamental a change as that required by a true faith in the Gospel of Jesus, is a great and mighty work. The Baptists do not propose to extend their missions by merely bringing the heathen under the restraints of external ceremonies. If this were their plan they might go forward with great rapidity, as it is an easy thing to gain converts to imposing ceremonies. But the Baptist in all their missions, whether in this or other countries, like Christ and his Apostles, call upon men to repent, believe in Christ, and "bring forth fruits meet for repentance;" in other words, that they must be regenerated or born again by the Divine Spirit before they can be Christians. To produce so great a change as this among the people of idolatrous nations requires great faith and zeal and especially the Divine blessing to reach any thing like success.

The number of our missionaries now in Foreign fields is small, being only about one dozen sent from this country. With so small a force in the field how can we expect large results. The number of missionaries can be increased only as the means are furnished to sustain them.

J. J. JAMES,
C. A. JENKINS.

Pending the adoption of the report remarks were submitted by Elders J. B. Richardson and R. H. Griffith. A collection was taken up in the interest of the Foreign Mission Board, amounting to \$7 53.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Elder J. B. Richardson, it was agreed that any brother of this Association attending any sister Association may regard himself as a corresponding messenger.

The following brethren were appointed as delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to represent this Association: H. W. Reinhart, Henry Sheets and R. A. Moore.

The churches in this Association are requested to send delegates of their own choice to the Convention, in all cases where their contributions during the past year have been large enough to thus entitle them.

The following brethren were nominated and elected as the members of the Executive Committee of this Association: W. F. Stoner, G. F. Smith, Sr., Henry Sheets, A. R. Witherington and R. A. Wommack.

On motion, the Clerk was authorized to have the minutes printed at the Recorder Office, and to get as many printed as he can for the amount of funds, reserving six dollars for his services.

The report on Temperance was called for and read by Elder R. A. Moore.

The Report on Temperance.

This subject is as important as the human family is extensive. The Bible does not narrow it down to the excessive use of intoxicating drinks, but to the excessive indulgence in everything for which the appetite calls.

The subject claims our most careful and prayerful consideration, effecting as it does our physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual health. The well being of our churches, our families and our selves depend upon Temperance in all things proper to be used, and abstinence from that which is not conducive to both christian and physical health.

Had we a cluster of fruits of different varieties, and each variety were to be more or less delicious according to the condition of one, how important that that one be perfect.

God offers us a most delicious cluster of nice varieties, mentioned in Gal. : 22 and 23, calculated not only to enrich the recipient greatly, but benefit his surroundings; but if one of these be deficient the whole cluster is defective, and that one is Temperance. If our physical and spiritual health depend upon this crowning fruit of the Spirit, we should collectively and individually foster and defend this grace. We owe it to the world, to the church and to God. Unsheathe the sword that God made and gave you to do battle for him; it is sufficient for the great work if you will use it as you should.

Read what the wise man wrote in Prov. 23rd chap. See the cautions about eating. "Better to put a knife to the throat than eat to gluttony." How sharp the sword. Then notice his allusions to other indulgences. "Then look not upon the wine when it is red," &c., "which biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

If we were temperate in the use of the necessary comforts of life, and would abstain from indulgencies such as unnecessary eating, superfluous dress, tobacco and intoxicating drink, we could have funds to pay our pastors and missionaries, to build our school houses and churches, and educate our children, time to read religious books and the Bible, and happy hearts to praise our God.

Bespectfully submitted.

R. A. MOORE,
C. A. ROMINGER.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The following report on Sabbath Schools was read by W. F. Stoner.

The Report on Sabbath Schools.

There is no department of Christian labor in which all the followers of Christ can engage more effectually than that of Sabbath Schools. The Scriptures enjoin upon us the religious instruction of the young. Let the children be brought to Christ and the Kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We rejoice to learn that some of our churches have Sabbath Schools, but sorry to know that others have none. We earnestly recommend every church to have a Sabbath School, not only at their houses of worship, but in every destitute neighborhood. Let us work earnestly for this end, as we believe it is a means of Grace in our hands of doing great good in our Master's cause.

W. F. STONER,
G. W. PALMER.

Bro. H. W. Reinhart addressed the Association in a short but stirring speech on the importance of keeping up Sabbath Schools.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee was submitted, as follows :

The amount of funds received for printing Minutes, \$28 90; for State Missions, \$9 73; for Foreign Missions, \$8 62; for Ministerial Education, \$1 04; and for Associational Missions, \$5 80.

Total amount of funds received during the Association, \$54 09.

G. W. CHARLES,
J. W. SMITH, JR.

The report was adopted.

(For amount contributed by each church see Table of Statistics.)

The Treasurer's Report.

DISPOSITION OF FUNDS RECEIVED LAST YEAR.

Of the \$39 28 received and \$2 07 on hand, paid \$9 25 to J. B. Richardson, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, for the objects of the Convention for which the money had been contributed. For Clerk's fee, \$6 00. For printing Minutes, \$20 00; other expenses on Minutes, 25 cents. Cash on hand from last year for printing Minutes, \$5 85.

CASH RECEIVED THIS YEAR.

For printing Minutes, \$28 90; for State Missions, \$9 73; for Foreign Missions, \$8 62; for Ministerial Education, \$1 04; and for Associational Missions, \$5 80. Total, \$54 09. Added to funds on hand gives a total of \$59 94.

THOS. CARRICK, *Treasurer.*

The report on Church Letters and State of Religion was called for and read as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN—It is with a feeling of deep regret that your Committee cannot make a more favorable and encouraging report on the religious growth and interest in the churches composing this body, yet we are thankful for what progress has been made within our bounds during the past year. From the reading of the church letters there seems to have been a slight increase in the contributions for benevolent objects and we hope and pray that this increase is an omen for good. But it gives us much pain to see that the spiritual interest of the churches is not what we have a right to expect it to be. Only few churches report many additions. Has God ceased to bless his people? Are there no souls to be converted in the neighborhoods of the churches where no one has been added during the past year? Let us look to it that we arouse from this poor lukewarm state to the discharge of the great duty of seeking to win souls to Christ. We hear of revivals of religion in various sections of the country. Why have there not been more with us? Verily the fault must lie at the door of our own hearts.

The great need of revival in our churches shows that there is a need of it in our own souls. Let us, then, return to our respective churches and newly consecrate our selves to our blessed Savior, taking up our crosses let us go forth to do battle in the service of our Lord, having the precious blood of Christ ever as the weapon of our warfare. Then may we hope to go on conquering and to conquer.

THOS. CARRICK,
L. P. CRAVER.

On motion, the report on Church Letters and State of Religion was adopted.

On motion, the Treasurer is authorized to pay to J. B. Richardson, the Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, all funds in his hands for the various objects of the Convention, and to pay to the Executive Committee all funds on hand for Associational Missions.

The following resolution was offered by Elder H. Morton :

Resolved, That the churches of this Association be requested to send delegates to meet with the Jersey Church, Friday before the next fifth Sabbath, to organize a minister's and deacon's meeting.

Resolution adopted.

Resolution of thanks offered by the Association:

Resolved, That this Association return its heartfelt thanks to the members of High Point Church and friends generally for their kind hospitality during the term of this Association.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed.

Prayer by Elder R. H. Griffith.

WM. TURNER, *Moderator.*

THOS. CARRICK, *Clerk.*

LICENTIATES.

W. S. ADDERTON, THOS. CARRICK, H. W. REINHART and HENRY SHEETS.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

B. LANIER, New Market, N. C.
WM. TURNER, Salem, N. C.
W. H. HAMNER, Lexington, N. C.
H. MORTON, Milledgeville, N. C.
S. A. ROPER, Jackson Hill, N. C.
J. J. JAMES, High Point, N. C.

AARON YARBROUGH, Lexington, N. C.
A. P. STOKER, Jackson Hill, N. C.
W. N. THAYER, Sander's Hill, N. C.
J. B. RICHARDSON, High Point, N. C.
R. A. MOORE, Thomasville, N. C.
W. R. COGGIN, Jackson Creek, N. C.

ITEMS.

Contributions During the Past Year.

Jersey Church—State Missions, \$11 40; Foreign Missions, \$6 72; Education, \$3 00; Sunday School Missions, \$5 00; American Tract Society, \$2 05; Jersey Sunday School, \$3 26, and to visiting ministers; \$9 70. Total, \$41 12.

Holloway's Church—State Missions, \$2 60. This church has adopted the Systematic Plan of Christian beneficence.

New Friendship Church—Foreign Missions, \$4 67; Education, \$6 16; Associational Missions, \$9 74, and to Orphan Asylum, \$4 03. Total, \$24 60.

Abbott's Creek Church—Associational Missions, \$8 28; Foreign Missions, \$4 00; Education, \$3 00; Orphan Asylum, \$4 80. Total, \$20 09.

Reid's Roads—State Missions, \$3 75.

Pine Meeting House—State Missions, \$10 30; Foreign Missions, \$2 20. Total, \$12 50.

The above amounts were not sent up to the Association, but contributed during last year. For amounts sent to the Association see Table of Statistics.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1876.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICES.	Baptised.....	Received by Letter...	Restored.....	Dismissed by Letter...	Excluded.....	Deceased.....	White Males.....	White Females.....	Colored Males.....	Colored Females.....	Total Membership.....	Church Meetings.....	Contributions.				Associational Missions	Sabbath Schools.....
															Education	State Missions.....	Foreign Missions..	Minutes		
Muddy Creek	P. Oliver.....	Dalton.....	4	7	..	..	2	..	20	47	..	..	67	1	.....	\$1 53	\$1 52	\$ 1 20	.....	64
New Friendship.....	Wm. Turner.....	Salem.....	1	..	..	3	1	37	37	81	..	1	117	1	.....	.....	.....	3 15	.....	50
Abbott's Creek.....	Wm. Turner.....	Salem.....	3	..	2	2	2	38	75	75	5	3	121	3	.....	.....	.....	3 05	.....	..
High Point.....	J. J. James.....	High Point.....	..	..	..	5	..	19	35	35	1	2	35	4	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	45
Thomasville.....	J. J. James.....	High Point.....	4	5	2	..	1	9	26	..	..	..	35	3	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	..
Pine Meeting House.....	H. Morton.....	Milledgeville.....	13	1	1	..	2	1	34	50	..	..	84	4	.....	3 45	3 00	2 25	.....	35
Jersey Settlement.....	H. Morton.....	Milledgeville.....	2	8	4	7	4	68	86	19	32	..	205	1	.....	.....	.....	3 20	.....	..
Reed's Roads.....	J. B. Boon.....	Statesville.....	3	1	1	2	1	2	39	53	..	..	92	2	.....	1 25	.....	2 00	.....	..
Marion.....	W. H. Hamner.....	Lexington.....	..	..	..	..	1	9	12	..	2	..	23	4	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	..
Liberty.....	B. Lanier.....	New Market.....	..	..	..	1	3	29	53	..	..	..	82	4	.....	1 50	1 80	1 35	.....	..
Holloway's.....	J. H. Booth.....	Cool Springs.....	3	2	2	3	3	35	87	..	1	123	3	..	.....	80	.....	1 50	5 80	..
Lick Creek.....	M. F. Haithcock.....	Albemarle.....	..	2	2	..	1	3	40	77	5	123	4	..	.....	.....	.....	2 25	.....	..
Big Creek.....	H. Morton.....	Milledgeville.....	8	..	..	3	20	39	..	..	..	59	3	..	.....	50	.....	2 00	.....	60
Tom's Creek.....	B. Lanier.....	New Market.....	2	..	..	1	19	27	..	1	47	1	2	\$1 04	1 50	1 50	1 15	.....	..	..
Pierce's Chapel.....	B. Lanier.....	New Market.....	3	..	6	1	23	32	..	32	..	..	50	3				1 75		..
Summerville.....	A. P. Stoker.....	Jackson Hill.....	1	..	..	..	9	31	..	..	..	..	70	1				1 05		..
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